

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-13-12 Building Date: c. 1907

Building Name: Blankenship House

Location: 3837 34th Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description

3837 34th Street is a two story, two-by-three bay frame dwelling with an "L" shaped plan and an asphalt shingle cross gable roof. The exterior of the building is sheathed with asphalt shingle siding and has metal clad 1/1 sash double-hung windows. Most windows have decorative wooden shutters. A hipped roof porch, supported by wooden columns and enclosed by a plain wooden railing, shelters the first story of the main (west) facade and wraps around the west half of the south facade. The two bay main facade has a single wood and glass entry door to the north with molded wooden panels below a large single upper glass light. The main (west) facade terminates in a pedimented, gable-end attic with a metal clad 1/1 sash double-hung window. The exterior of the dwelling has been unsympathetically altered with non-historic materials including asphalt shingle siding, metal clad windows and inappropriate decorative shutters. The building retains many of its early features including plan, wraparound porch, pedimented gable-end attic, entry door and window placement. The nature and condition of underlying historic fabric is not discernible.

Significance

The two story, single-family frame dwelling at 3837 34th Street (Block 1, Lot 27, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the character of the survey area as an early 20th century neighborhood. Although it has been sheathed with non-historic materials, the dwelling retains its early character and is similar to a number of dwellings built on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue east of 34th Street in the early decades of the century. Lot 27 was originally sold by Messrs. Bigelow, Spalding and Rogers in September of 1906 to Robert and Minerva Scroggins. The present dwelling is the site's original improvement and was apparently erected by 1907 when assessment records first indicate an improvement valued at \$1,500. The Scroggins retained ownership of the parcel until March 1907 when they sold it to Carl and Anna Rader.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Blankenship House

and/or common 3837 34th Street

2. Location

street & number 3837 34th Street not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> X</u> building(s)	<u> X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> X</u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Garland and Ruth Blankenship

street & number Rhode Island Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Rainier state and zip code Maryland 20712

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4880

street & number Main Street folio 209

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state X county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 401C

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1907

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

CONTRIBUTING

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Notes

¹ Prince George's County Land Records, 37:1.

² Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1907, p. 138.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes #8

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Howard S. Berger, Consultant

organization Historic Preservation Commission date March 1988

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-4609

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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Chain of Title
3837 34th Street

4880:209
23 January 1978
Deed

Frances C. Shipp to Garland and Ruth Blankenship. Grantor conveys Lot 27 in Block 1, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier, excepting the rear six feet for use as public alley. Plat recorded JWB 5:695 or A:6. Same obtained from John W. and Minnie V. McDevitt, 15 April 1946, 829:47.

829:47
15 April 1946
Deed

John W. and Minnie V. McDevitt to George J. and Frances C. Shipp. Grantors convey Lot 27 in Block 1. Same obtained from George D. and Flora M. Hiner, 20 May 1920, 158:181.

158:181
20 May 1920
Deed

George D. and Flora M. Hiner to John W. and Minnie V. McDevitt. Grantors convey Lot 27 in Block 1. Same obtained from Carl R. and Anna M. Rader, 1 May 1918, 130:244.

130:244
1 May 1918
Deed

Carl R. and Anna M. Rader to George D. and Flora M. Hiner. Grantors convey Lot 27 in Block 1. Same obtained from Robert H. and Minerva A. Scroggins, 9 March 1907, 38:538.

38:538
9 March 1907
Deed

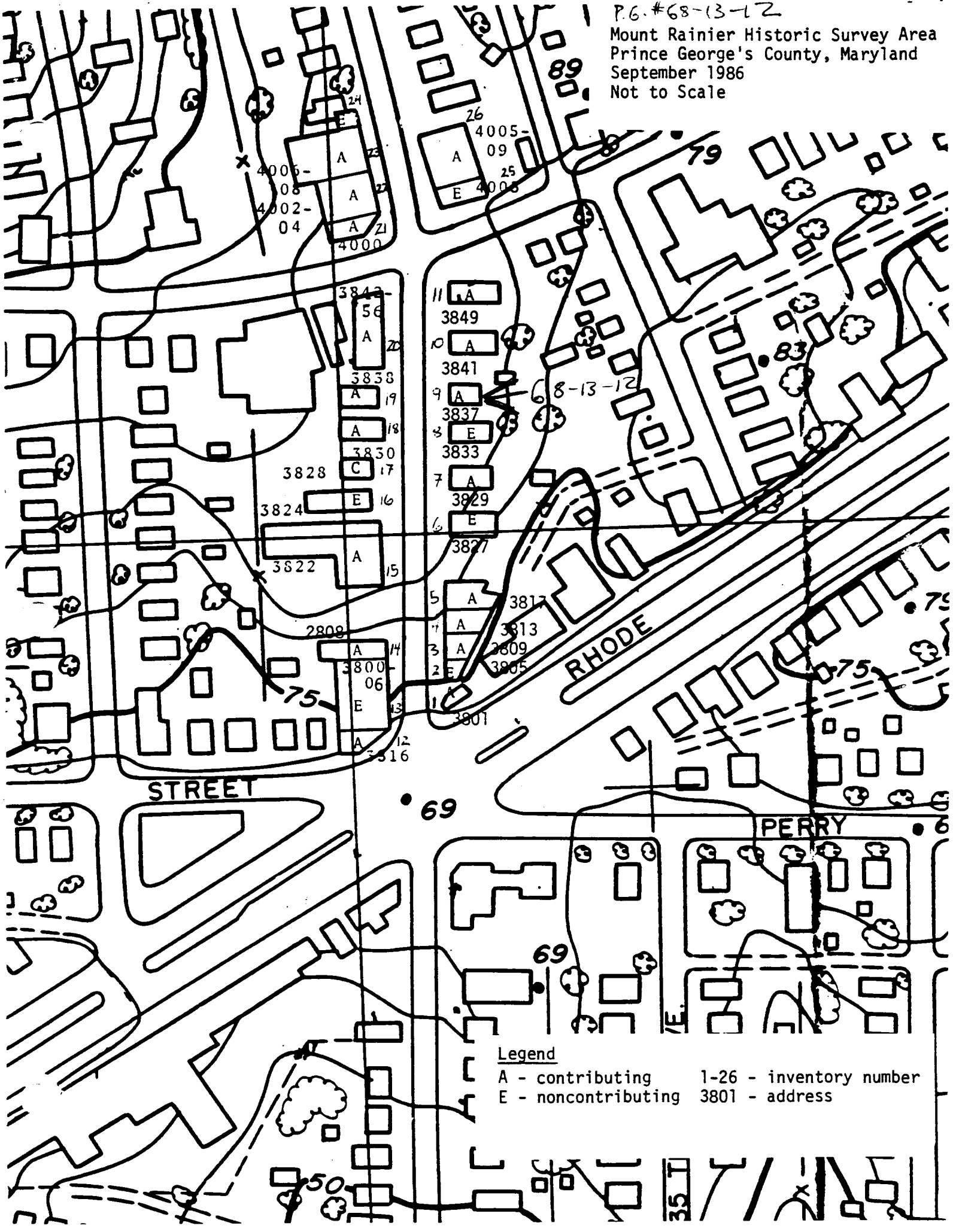
Robert H. and Minerva A. Scroggins to Carl R. and Anna M. Rader. Grantors convey Lot 27 in Block 1. Same obtained from W. D. Bigelow, et al, 18 September 1906, 37:1.

37:1
18 September 1906
Deed

W. D. Bigelow, E.S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers to Robert H. and Minerva A. Scroggins. Grantors convey Lot 27 in block 1. To clear title, this deed is made.

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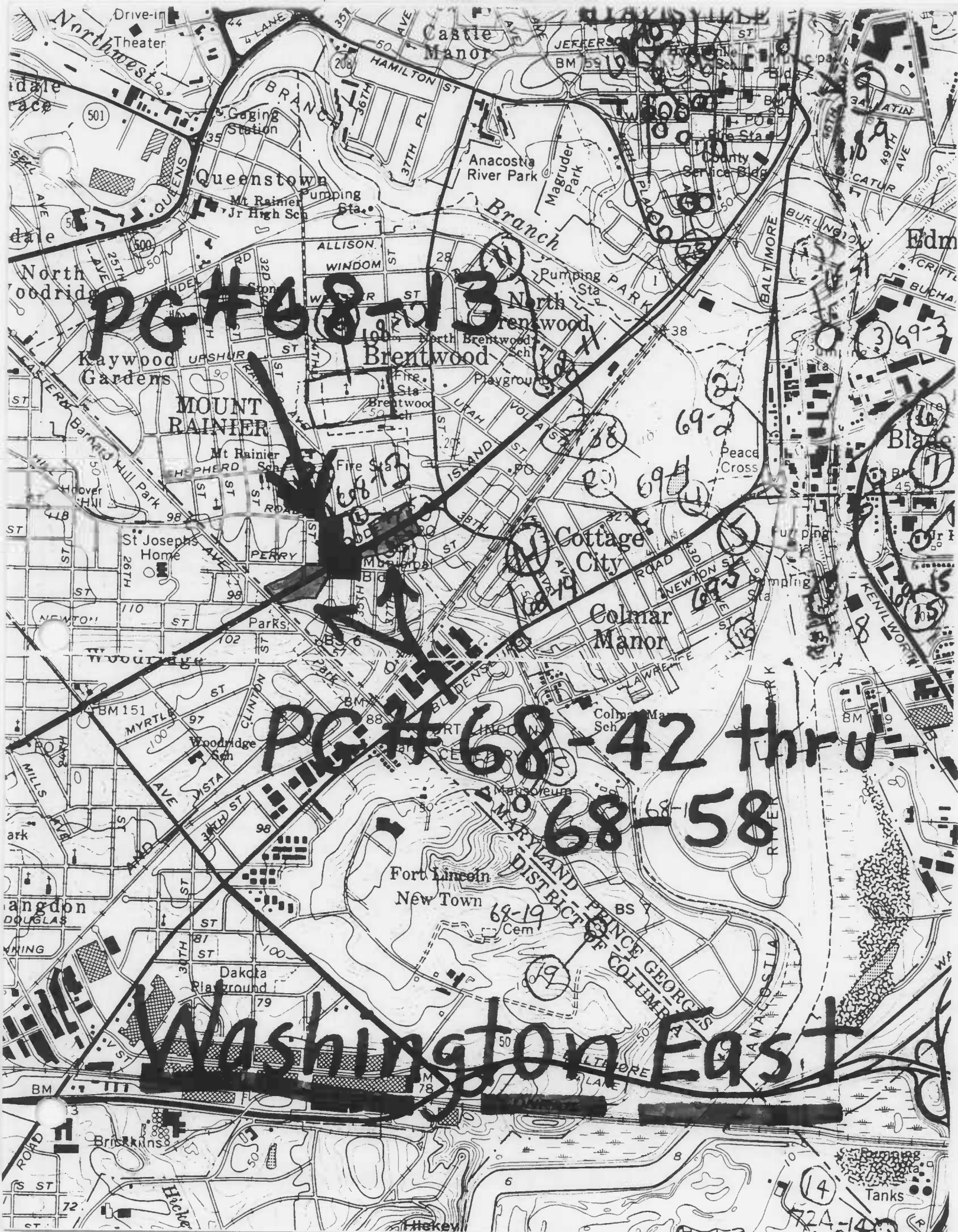
Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area
Prince George's County, Maryland
September 1986
Not to Scale



Legend

A - contributing 1-26 - inventory number
E - noncontributing 3801 - address







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3837 34th Street

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

May 1986

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